

Pleasant Valley

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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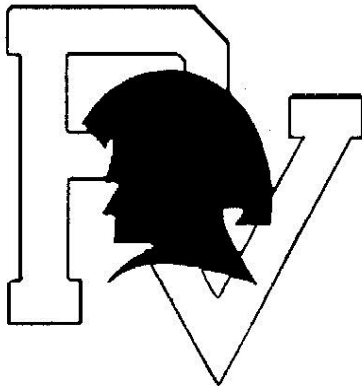
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Pleasant Valley Community High School is a public school which serves 1,402 students in grades 9-12. The semester-based curriculum is taught by 88 certified teachers. Sixty-six percent of the faculty holds at least a Master’s Degree. The school is accredited by the Iowa Department of Public Instruction and the North Central Association.

OUR COMMUNITY

Pleasant Valley Community School District is a suburb of the Quad City Metropolitan area. The Iowa-Illinois Bi-State Region, joined by the Mississippi River, has a population of over 390,000. Within its borders is found a rich blend of urban, rural, suburban and small town living. The economic makeup of the district includes some of the richest farmland in the nation in concert with exceptional commercial and industrial enterprises. The school district is comprised of a full range of socio-economic strata. A large percentage of parents are college graduates who are business executives, professional and federal employees.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Twenty-three (23) semester units are required for graduation. Required units are English - four units, Social Studies - three units, Mathematics - three units, Science - three units, Expressive or Technical Arts - one half unit, Technology - one half unit, Health - one half unit, Wellness - one unit and Service-Learning – one unit. Each course receiving credit, with the exception of Wellness and Service-Learning, is utilized to compute a grade point average. An explanation of the weighted grading system is included in this profile.

SPECIAL CURRICULUM FEATURES

The course offerings at PVCHS allow a student to prepare extensively for college or technical fields. PVCHS offers and teaches 49 credit hours or 14 academic college courses, in addition to 8 career and technical college courses. PVCHS also offers 13 Advanced Placement (AP) classes where 85 percent of students have consistently scored a 3, 4, or 5 on the exams in the past five years.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

Approximately 61 percent of the Pleasant Valley students enroll in 4-year colleges. An additional 25 percent enroll in 2-year colleges or technical programs.

TESTING RESULTS

Due to the academically competitive student body and the strong curriculum, each graduating class typically scores in the top 10% of the national norms and the top 15% of state norms on the Iowa Assessments. All 9th, 10th and 11th grade students are evaluated with this achievement test. PVCHS, typically, has strong representation in the National Merit Scholarship Program. While we are proud of our student achievements, we are constantly striving to meet our district goal: “Having the best academic and extra/co-curricular program, not in one area but all. Not for one student, but for all students.”

Approximately, 80 percent of each graduating class participates in ACT testing with the following results:

ACT	14-15	15-16
English	23.8	24.6
Mathematics	24.2	24.5
Reading	24.8	24.8
Science	24.0	24.7
Composite	24.3	24.8
	N=239	N=239

Additional questions should be addressed to the counseling staff by calling (563) 332-6250.

Mrs. Kerry Anderson, Counselor
Mr. Tom Neuhaus, Counselor
Mrs. Linda Noble, Counselor
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ART

Art I
 Drawing
 Advanced Drawing
 Painting
 Digital Photography
 Sculpture
 Ceramics
 Advanced Ceramics
 Computer Graphic Design
 *AP Studio Art

BASIC EDUCATION

Flex
 Government/Economics Fundamentals
 Independent Living Skills
 Individual Skills
 Modified Physical Education
 Project Search
 Reading Essentials
 Reading Fundamentals
 Science Essentials
 Skills Enrichment
 U.S. History Fundamentals
 Unique Learning
 World History Fundamentals
 Work Experience

CAREER ACADEMIES

Advanced Manufacturing Career
 Education
 Engineering
 Entrepreneurial
 Introduction to Allied Health Occupations
 Hospitality Management
 Logistics
 Transportation Technology

COMPUTER SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Computer Science & Software Engineering
 Computer Science Applications

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

English 9, 10
 *English 9, 10
 American Literature
 College Writing
 Creative Writing
 *AP Language/Composition
 *AP Literature/Composition
 World Literature
 Young Adult Literature 1
 Young Adult Literature 2
 Essential English
 Literature: 1960's to Today
 Literature of a Genre – Novel Study
 Critical Writing
SPC:112 Public Speaking
 Journalistic Writing
 *Journalism
 Publications
 Reading Reinforcement
 Second Chance Reading

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Child Development/Preschool Lab
 Early Childhood Development
 Caring for Exceptional (Special Needs) Children
ECE:243 Early Childhood Guidance
ECE:133 Child Health, Safety and Nutrition
 Food Prep I
 International Cuisine
 Spartan Bakery
HCM:100 Sanitation & Safety
 Housing & Interior Design

HUMANITIES

HUM:135 Humanities of the Early World
HUM:136 Humanities of the Renaissance

INFORMATION

TECHNOLOGY/BUSINESS/MARKETING

Introduction to Business
 Micro Computer Applications (or on-line)
 Micro Office Certification
 Web Design & Advertising Development
 Accounting
 Personal Finance
 Principles of Marketing
 3D-VREP

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

EGT:400 Introduction to Engineering (PLTW)
EGT:410 Principles of Engineering (PLTW)
EGT:460 Civil Engineering & Architecture (PLTW)
 Introduction to Robotics Engineering
 Introduction to Manufacturing & Production
 Introduction to Construction & Mechanics
 Wood Production Processes
 Automotive Maintenance
 Welding & Metal Fabrication
 Engineering Problems
 Advanced Computer Aided Design
 Construction Skills

MATHEMATICS

Introduction to Algebra 1, 2
 Algebra
 Intro to Geometry
 Geometry
 *Geometry
 Algebra 2
 *Adv. Algebra and Trigonometry
 Consumer Math
MAT:156 Statistics
 *Discrete Math
 *Pre-Calculus
 *AP Calculus
MAT:210 Calculus 1
MAT:216 Calculus 2

MUSIC EDUCATION

Band 9-12
 Orchestra Ensemble
 Pleasant Valley Singers
 Concert Choir
 Women's Ensemble
 Chamber Choir
 Introduction to Music Theory
 *AP Music Theory

CAREERS

Career Exploration
 Work Experience

SCIENCE

Physical Science
 Earth Science
 Biology
 *Biology
 Chemistry
 *Chemistry
 *AP Chemistry
 Environmental Science
 Physics
 *AP Physics 1
 *AP Physics 2
 *Anatomy & Physiology 1, 2
HIT:120 Pharmacology
HSC:113 Medical Terminology
 *Organic Chemistry/Microbiology
 Principles of Biomedical Systems (PLTW)

SERVICE-LEARNING

Service-Learning 9/10, 11/12

SOCIAL STUDIES

Modern U.S. History
 Ancient World History
 Early Modern World History
 Modern World History
 American Government
 Economics: Principles and Practices
 *AP European History
SOC:110 Intro to Sociology
PSY:111 Intro to Psychology
 *AP Human Geography
 *AP U.S. Government and Politics
HIS:118 Western Civ II: Early Modern
HIS:119 Western Civ III: The Modern Period

THEATRE

Stagecraft/Theatre Arts 2

WELLNESS

Health
 Health Club
 Basic Weight Training & Conditioning
 Intermediate Weight Training & Conditioning
 Advanced Weight Training & Conditioning
 Health II
 Lifeguarding
 Sports Medicine & Emergency Treatment

WORLD LANGUAGE

French 1, 2, 3, *4, *AP French
 Japanese 1, 2, 3, *4, *5
 Spanish 1, 2, 3, *4, *AP Spanish
ASL:151 Sign Language I
ASL:181 Sign Language II
ASL:251 Sign Language III
ASL:281 Sign Language IV

NOTE: Independent Study opportunities are available in each curricular area with instructor approval.

GRADING KEY

*A = 5.0	*B+ = 4.33	*C+ = 3.33	*D+ = 2.33	*F/F = 0
A = 4.0	B+ = 3.33	C+ = 2.33	D+ = 1.33	
*A- = 4.67	*B = 4.0	*C = 3.0	*D = 2.0	
A- = 3.67	B = 3.0	C = 2.0	D = 1.0	
	*B- = 3.67	*C- = 2.67	*D- = 1.67	
	B- = 2.67	C- = 1.67	D- = .67	

* =Honors/AP
 G=No Grade Given
 W=Withdrawn
 S=Satisfactory
 N=No Grade/No Credit

TRANSCRIPT GRADING SCALE CLARIFICATION

Pleasant Valley High School is a premier, innovative school district in the Midwest, which prepares students to succeed in a diverse, global society. Extensive preparation for college is a major strategic goal of Pleasant Valley High School. Our graduating classes typically score in the 95th percentile of national norms of the ACT tests. These scores, as well as the stringent grading practices that we follow, prepare students for the most rigorous of college curriculums. Students are encouraged to take curricular offerings that are the most challenging for their ability level. Honors level and AP classes are noted with an asterisk on transcripts. These courses are designed to be more challenging and are taught at a higher level than their college preparatory counterparts. Please refer to the grading key above. PVHS also offers college courses taught on campus by adjunct teachers and are noted by bold print.

